

ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Being a member of Atholton High School Percussion Ensemble is a challenging and rewarding experience. Each quarter students will learn and review exercises to build their musical skills on various instruments. Students *must* be prepared with the appropriate materials, just as they would be in any other class at AHS.

Appropriate Materials Needed:

- Vic Firth SD1 General Snare Sticks
- Innovative Soloist Series Marimba Mallets
- Stick/Mallet Bag

The following is a timeline for your use throughout the year and will be followed as closely as possible. The basic structure follows:

- Units on specific exercises / techniques / instruments
- Playing tests at the end of each unit on * exercises
- Practice Days

Grading for the class will follow the guidelines outlined in the Atholton Band Syllabus, including preparedness with the appropriate sticks / mallets on a daily basis.

Your participation is required at the *Concert Band Concerts, the HCPSS Band Assessment, and the Percussion Ensemble Recital.*

Always remember, the more you put into the success of the group, the more you will personally get out of the class.

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FIRST QUARTER:

Snare

- Care and Maintenance of Instruments
- Snare Technique
 - Stick Hold
 - 8 on a hand
 - Duple and Triple Check Patterns*
 - Down-Tap-Up
 - Double Bounce
 - Multiple Bounce
 - Grid Diddles*
 - Rudiments* (Quadrants appropriate to level)

Mallets

- Note Reading/Theory
 - Major Scales*
 - Minor Scales
 - Basic Chords
- Mallet Technique
 - Peters Exercises in C, F, Bb*
 - Scales in C, F, Bb, Eb*
 - Duple and Triple Check Patterns*

Timpani

- Timpani Technique
 - Ranges*
 - Tuning*
 - Stick Hold
 - Rolling*
 - Muting*

Etudes

- Snare Etudes
- Timpani Etudes
- Mallet Etudes

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SECOND QUARTER:

Snare

- Snare Technique
 - Stick Hold
 - 8 on a hand
 - Duple and Triple Check Patterns*
 - Down-Tap-Up
 - Double Bounce
 - Multiple Bounce
 - Grid Diddles*
 - Rudiments* (Quadrants appropriate to level)

Mallets

- Note Reading/Theory
 - Major Scales*
 - Minor Scales
 - Basic Chords
- Mallet Technique
 - Peters Exercises in C, F, Bb, G, D*
 - Scales in C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, G, D, A*
- Duple and Triple Check Patterns*

Etudes

- Percussion Ensemble Works
- Snare Etudes*
- Timpani Etudes*
- Mallet Etudes*

Percussion Ensemble Repertoire

- TBD

MID-TERMS:

- Mallet Check Patterns*
- Snare/Timpani/Mallet Etudes

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THIRD QUARTER:

Week 1-2

- Percussion Ensemble Works
- Rudiment Quadrants appropriate to level
- Duple and Triple Check Patterns (Snare and Mallets)

Week 3-4

- Percussion Ensemble Works
- Duple and Triple Check Pattern Test (Snare and Mallets)*

Week 5-10

- Percussion Ensemble Works
- Peters Exercises in C, F, Bb, G, D*
- Scales in C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, G, D, A*

FOURTH QUARTER:

Week 1-3

- Percussion Ensemble Works
- Percussion Ensemble Dress Rehearsal May 14
- Percussion Ensemble Concert May 15

Week 4

- TBD

Week 5-9

- Drumset*
 - Rock
 - Swing
 - Funk
 - Samba
- Prepare for Final Exams
- Marching Band

FINAL EXAMS:

- Duple and Triple Check Patterns (Snare and Mallets)
- Snare/Timpani/Mallet Etudes

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PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE MATERIALS ORDER FORM:

Please fill out the form indicating which materials you would like to purchase for YOUR use. *These items will be for you to keep during your time here at Atholton and beyond.* All pieces are “general” sticks and mallets good for all around practicing and the bag will insure that your investment is protected.

If you’re interested in pursuing your playing to a higher level, ask Mr. Posner or your private teacher for suggestion on supplementing this “pre-pack” with other mallets and sticks.

Note: You are required to have the following materials in class, each day. If you already have them, you do not need to purchase new ones. If you need them, you must submit this form with payment no later than Wednesday August 31, 2011.

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>PRICE</i>	<i>QUANTITY</i>
Humes & Berg Galaxy Stick Bag (HUM-GL8000)	\$10	
Innovative Soloist Series Marimba (INN-IP240) (Pair)	\$30	
Vic Firth American SD1 Snare Sticks (VIC-SD1)	\$7	

TOTAL: \$_____

Make checks payable to “Atholton Music Boosters”

Student Name: _____